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E. O. 12065: GDS 4/10/85 (HARRIS, F. ALLEN) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM AR
SUBJECT: GOA SURVEILLANCE OF ISABEL MIGNONE

REF: STATE 84672

1. - ENITRE TEXT).

2. EMBASSY AND HA/HR OFFICERS MET WITH MR. AND MRS. EMILIO MIGNONE ON APRIL 8 AND DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL CONCERNING THEIR DAUGHTER. MIGNONES CONFIRMED THAT ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES HAVE EVIDENCED RECENT INTEREST IN THEIR DAUGHTER'S WORK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION.

3. DURING RECENT BOOK FAIR SEVERAL GROUPS OF MEN WHO APPEARED TO BE SECURITY FORCE OPERATIVES QUESTIONED MISS MIGNONE REGARDING TITLES, PUBLISHERS AND ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKS WHICH THEY COULD NOT READ. SUBSEQUENT TO CLOSING OF BOOK FAIR, INDIVIDUALS STATING THAT THEY WERE CONNECTED WITH FEDERAL AGENCY CALLED AT MIGNONE'S HOUSE TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING WORK OF FAMILY MEMBERS.

4. MR. MIGNONE BELIEVES THAT INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION MAY HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED BY ITS UNITED STATES BASE OF OPERATION OR BY ITS INITIALS "IRA" OR BY HIS DAUGHTER'S FREQUENT BUSINESS TRIPS TO THE UNITED STATES. THE MIGNONES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY ARE UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES AND ARE CONSEQUENTLY OPEN AND DIRECT ABOUT THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. THE MIGNONES DID, HOWEVER, EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING THE RECENT SECURITY FORCE INTEREST IN ISABEL'S PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.

5. EMILIO MIGNONE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECENT THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO THE OFFICES OF THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY. ON ONE OCCASION GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY'S OFFICE TO MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED THERE. THESE EVENTS COUPLED WITH RECENT BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST THE ROSARIO AND BUENOS AIRES LEADERS OF THE "FAMILIARES DE DETENIDOS DESPARACIDOS" HAVE, ACCORDING TO MIGNONE, HAD A CHILLING EFFECT WITHIN THE ASSEMBLY.
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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